NAVY MEDICAL CORPS NEWS

First Things

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Deputy Corps Chief

This is my last issue as your Deputy Corps Chief. I detach BUMED this month and will PCS to U.S. Naval Hospital, Yokosuka, Japan, to assume command on 1 July. I leave the Corps Chief's Office in superb hands as CAPT Mae Pouget, MC, USN, assumes the responsibilities of Deputy Corps Chief. She is currently BUMED's Diversity Officer, and will deftly wear both hats until a new Diversity Officer is identified.

CAPT Chun, the current Career Planner, will PCS to NMCSD in July where he will be assigned to the Department of Pediatrics as an adolescent medicine physician. LCDR Nguyen will soon report to NH Bremerton as a staff dermatologist. CAPT(s) Oberman reports aboard as your new Career Planner, and LCDR Peterson as your new HPSP/Recruiting Fellow. CAPT(s) Thier, our telecommuting Director for Plans and Policy, reports to BUMED in June. Last but not least, CAPT Kathryn Johnson leaves the Reserve Affairs Officer position to deploy to EMF-HOA Surgeon. She will be relieved by: CAPT Alison Eagleton.

The Captain list is out, and all of us in the Corps Chief's Office congratulate those officers selected for promotion. More information on this year's Captain board, to include statistics and a list of those officers selected for promotion, can be found in this edition of the NEWS. The Corps Chief's Office also takes this opportunity to congratulate those USUHS and HPSP medical students who will graduate this spring and join the Navy Medical Corps as full-fledged Medical Officers.

CAPT Pouget and the other officers who will be joining her in the Medical Corps Chief's Office this summer bring with them a breadth of knowledge and experience, and are here to serve you. Don't hesitate to contact them with your career development and other questions.

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Welcome, Captain Pouget!

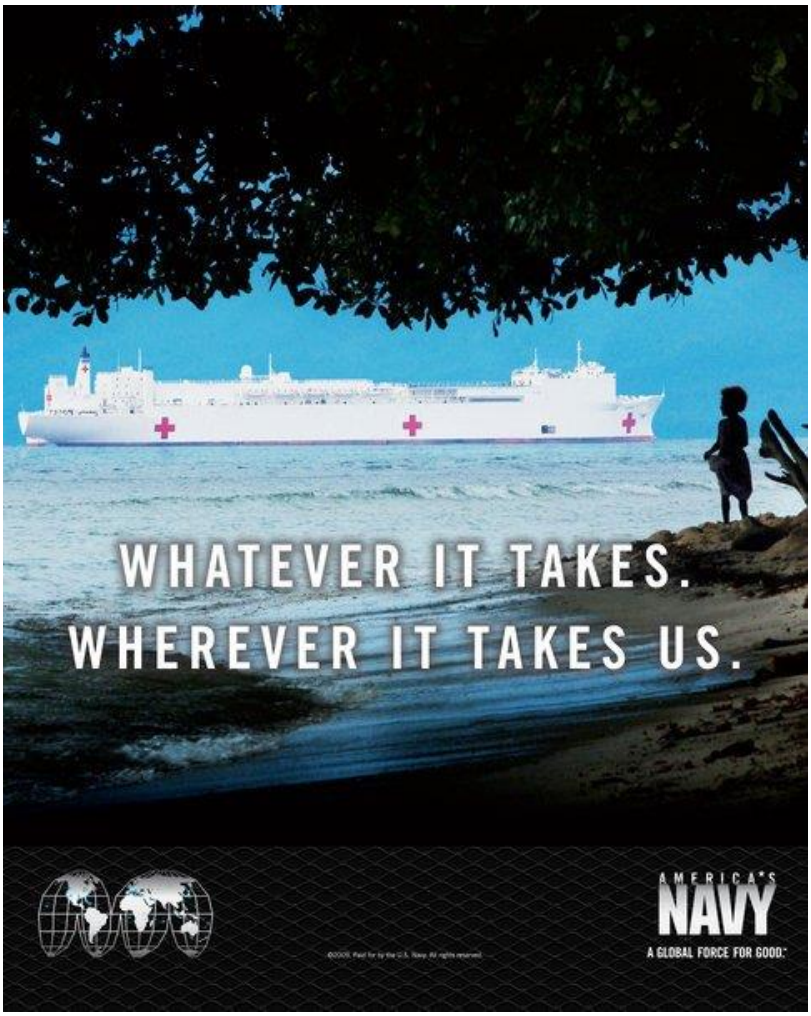
On 9 May, Captain Pouget took the reigns as Deputy Chief of the Navy Medical Corps. Previously the Navy Medicine Diversity Officer, Director Office of Diversity (M00D), Captain Pouget brings

Captain Pouget entered naval service through the Financial Assistance Program in 1995 and holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Grove City College. She graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine as a Doctor of Medicine in 1992, and then went on to complete her Family Medicine residency training at Polyclinic Medical Center in Harrisburg, PA in 1995, during which time she also served as Chief Resident

Captain Pouget's previous positions include service as the Director of Health Services, Naval Health Clinic Corpus Christi; Director of Medical Services, Naval Hospital Beaufort; Staff Physician, Naval Hospital Jacksonville; Officer in Charge, Troop Medical Clinic #8, Camp Virginia, Kuwait; General Medical Officer Policy and Plans Officer, BUMED; Medical Officer, USS GUNSTON HALL (LSD 44); and Staff Physician, Naval Hospital Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Captain Pouget is a diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine and is a member of the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States.

Captain Pouget's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Medal (three awards), and the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards).



Introducing Your New Career Planner

Please join the Chief of the Medical Corps in welcoming your new Medical Corps Career Planner to the Corps Chief's office! CDR Oberman brings a wealth of operational and academic experience to the position.

CAPT(s) Jamie Oberman, MC, USN, graduated *Summa Cum Laude* from Boston College in 1992 with a BA in psychology, where he was also Phi Beta Kappa. He received his M.D. from Tufts University School of Medicine in 1996. He completed a pediatrics internship at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth in 1997, and then Undersea and Diving Medical Officer training. Afterwards, he completed an operational tour as the Department Head for the medical department for Submarine Squadrons SIX and EIGHT in Norfolk, VA; with a subsequent tour as the Group TWO Senior Diving Medical officer for Explosive Ordnance Disposal Group TWO in Little Creek, VA. During these operational tours, CDR Oberman deployed on the USS NARWAHL (SSN-671), receiving his Submarine Medical Officer qualification and performed underwater explosive surveillance during OPSAIL 2000 in NYC harbor. He was recognized as the "Undersea Medical Officer of the Year for 1999."

CDR Oberman returned to training at NMCP in 2000, and completed a otorhinolaryngology residency in 2006. He was honored in 2005 as the "resident in training of the quarter." He completed a staff surgeon tour thereafter in Okinawa, Japan where he served as department head and was a member of the winning USN Dragon boat team and also participated on the Masters swim team. From 2009-2013, CDR Oberman served as a staff Otolaryngologist at Naval Hospital Jacksonville, FL, during which time he served as the Chair of the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee as well as President of the Medical Staff. He is board certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He holds a faculty appointment associate Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD. He was appointed by the Surgeon General of the Navy as the Otorhinolaryngology Specialty Leader in Jaunuary 2013. He was recognized by Jacksonville magazine in 2011 as one of the region's "top docs." He was an invited keynote speaker at the 2013 Annual meeting for the *American Academy of Communication in Healthcare (AACH)* highlighting his communication expertise and initiatives.

CDR Oberman currently serves as the Clinical Quality Officer for the National Capital Region Medical Directorate and a Staff Otolaryngologist at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. During his tenure in his present position, he was an expert and stakeholder panel member on the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) project, ***"Improving Hospital Informed Consent with an Informed Consent Toolkit").*** His wife, Meg Oberman, MD, MPH, is an internist with Johns Hopkins, and they have three children--Connell 14, Aidan 11, and Bridget

Welcome Aboard, LCDR Peterson!

The Medical Corps Chief's Office will soon welcome LCDR Jami Peterson to BUMED as the HPSP and Recruiting Fellow. In this capacity, she will assist with the Health Professions Scholarship Program selection boards, and well as work with medical recruiters to attract the best and brightest to Navy Medicine!

A native of South Dakota, LCDR Peterson received her Bachelor's degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD (cum laude) and her D.O. from Des Moines University in Des Moines, IA. She completed post-graduate training in Internal Medicine at Naval Medical Center San Diego.

Most recently, LCDR Peterson served as the Department Head of Internal Medicine at Naval Hospital Jacksonville. During this time, she played a critical role in the implementation of the Patient Centered Medical Home model of care delivery. Under her direction, the Internal Medicine Clinic received NCQA Level III Certification, attaining the highest score of all primary care clinics within the command. She also served as Chair of the Infection Control Committee and as the Program Director for the Independent Duty Corpsman Program.

From 2011-2012 she was Chief of Residents for the Naval Medical Center San Diego internal medicine residency program. She coordinated a schedule of 500 clinical experiences for 40 Internal Medicine house staff (military and civilian) and served as preceptor for 31 Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences third year medical students. She was a volunteer preceptor for the University of California San Diego Nurse Practitioner program. She received the Captain John Mitas Achievement Award for contributions to the Internal Medicine Residency Program. As an intern, she received the "Towering Interno" Award for the intern whose performance best demonstrates humanism in patient care, academic accomplishments, and commitment to Navy Core Values.

Prior to obtaining her medical degree, Peterson completed graduate training as a Physician Assistant at the University of South Dakota (1999) and received a Masters in Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska Medical Center (2001). She practiced as a civilian PA for 3 years in Mankato, MN. Additionally, she was a Physician Assistant in the United States Army Reserves and was mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (2003-2004). She spent a year supporting the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, KY. In addition to her clinical duties at Fort Campbell, she was the Officer in Charge of the Leishmaniasis Data Collection Project, became certified in Prehospital Trauma and Life Support, and completed 32 hours of training in the 101st Airborne Division School of Combat Medicine.

Peterson is board certified in Internal Medicine. She is an Associate of the American College of Physicians, a Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine, and is a 15 year American Legion Member. Her personal awards include the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, and numerous unit and other awards.

Congratulations, Captains (select)!

The results of the FY-15 O-6 Staff Selection Board that convened on 4 February were released on 6 May. Please join the Chief of the Medical Corps in congratulating these Medical Officers who have been selected for promotion to the rank of Captain!

ALKHAS ADDIE
ALLEN CALLIOPE E
BARRION JOSEPH P
BARTHEL ROBERT VINCENT
BATZ RAYMOND R
BOAMAH LYNELLE MELISSA
BROWN DOUGLAS E
BROWN KEVIN J
BURKE RACHEL A
BUTLER RALPH E
CHO HYUNMIN WESLEY
DECICCO VINCENT L
DONALTY ANDREA B
DOSSANTOS FRANK M
DUNCAN JAMES E
EWING REGINALD S III
FARRELL MAUREEN E
FEINBERG JEFFREY HEYMAN
FLEMING MARK E
GALLUS DAVID PAUL
GALLUS KATERINA MARIA
GAVRIL AMY RINDFLEISCH
GIST RICHARD SPENCER
GORMAN GREGORY H
HALL FRANCIS X
HAWK DOUGLAS G
HOANG TUAN N
HOLTZCLAW SUEZANE L
HOWARD ROBERT THOMAS
ITZKOWITZ SCOTT L
JOHNSON TERENCE E
KEITH MICHAEL PATRICK
LESPERANCE JAMES O
LIN HENRY
MCCLELLEN JEFFREY H
MCKEE JAMES M
MIDDLETON GEORGE W
NAYAK KESHAV R
NELSON TIFFANY S
ORTIZ KENNETH J
PATEL SAYJAL J
PEET DENISE LYNN
PRATT THEODORE C
REEVES JAMES JOHN
RICE CAROLYN C
RIDDLE MARK S
ROACH PAUL B
RODRIGUEZ CARLOS J
ROTRUCK JOHN R
SCHEXNEIDER KATHERINE I
SEIDENSTICKER DANIEL F
SERIANNI RICHARD P
SONG SUNG WOOK
STONE JEFFERY A
STRANGE ROBERT G JR
TAMAYO SALLY G
TERHAAR KENNETH A
THOMPSON TRACY T
TOONE KIMBERLY PEARCY
WANKO SAM O
WENTWORTH MICHAEL W
WEST JAMES C
WHITMAN TIMOTHY J
WOMELDORPH CRAIG M
YORK JOHN D
YOUNG PATRICK E

Characteristics of Selectees

FY-15 O-6 MC Board

Precept: 60% of IZ Officers or 67 to select

142 Above Zone

111 In Zone

209 Below Zone Eligibles

Above Zone Selects 14/142, or 9.86% of all AZ; 21.2% of all selects.

In Zone Selects 52/111, or *46.8% in-zone selection rate*; almost 79% of all selects.

No Below Zone Selects

59% Fellowship Trained

95.5% with no PFA failures last four cycles

3 Fitreps before Board: 34.8% had 2 EPs; 47% had 3 EPs.

98.5% Board Certified

News You Can Use

Please join the Chief of the Medical Corps in welcoming aboard the **new specialty leader for sports medicine**, CDR John Biery, who is currently assigned to Naval Health Clinic Annapolis. CDR Biery relieved CAPT Steve Blivin, who is the PXO of NHC Corpus Christi.

CDR Rich Serianni is the **new specialty leader for anesthesiology**. CDR Serianni is currently assigned to NMC Portsmouth. He relieved CAPT John Bastien, who retires from the Navy this summer. Fair Winds and Following Seas to CAPT Bastien, with thanks and appreciation for his dedication to Navy Medicine!

Not only does this summer see a significant turnover in 00MC, but there will also be **new Medical Corps detailers at BuPers**. CAPT Nancy Delaney, the executive medicine and surgical detailer, will be relieved by CAPT Tony Battaglia, a family medicine physician who is currently assigned to NBHC Everett, WA. CDR Brian Bowes, the non-surgical MC detailer, will be relieved by CDR Joel Schofer, who is currently assigned to the Department of Emergency Medicine at Naval Medical Center Portsmouth. LCDR Jaime Montilla, the GMO/GME detailer, will also depart the pattern as he is relieved by LT Deepak Devasthali, MSC, USN, who is currently assigned to USNH Okinawa. Fair Winds and Following Seas to our departing detailers, and welcome aboard to our new Medical Corps detailers!

As the Military Health System becomes more "Joint", many of our Navy Medical Corps Officers have shown interest in applying for positions in Joint commands, such as residency or fellowship program director positions, or senior leadership positions (such as Director) at other commands. Before throwing your hat in the ring for opportunities such as these, please be sure to let your specialty leader and detailer know. In some instances (such as Program Director positions in Joint commands), a Navy billet may not actually exist, and would have to be created if you are selected. This is made easier if the detailer is aware of your plans, so he or she can advise you on whether you will have met time on station requirements. As was reported in the last edition of the *News*, PERS is becoming much more fastidious in approving PCS moves before the full tour length has been met. An early conversation with your detailer can preclude many last-minute problems, and can also ensure that your backfill is identified in the event you are selected.

FY-15 CO/XO SCREENING

BUMEDNOTE 1412

The BUMEDNOTE announcing 2015 Executive Medicine screening has been released. Applications must be submitted to PERS by 1 July. An oral board examination for those officers requiring one will be held in mid-July. Applicants will be notified of oral board results in early August, and the CO/XO screening board will be convened at NPC in Millington, TN, on 18 September 2014.

The BUMEDNOTE, along with the Executive Medicine Screening Application, as well as information about the Oral Board, may be found on the BUMED website under the "DIRECTIVES" tab.

2014 Navy Medical Corps Ball

The annual Navy Medical Corps Ball was held at the Hyatt Regency, Bethesda, on the evening of 8 March, in celebration of the Medical Corps' 143rd Birthday, which occurred on 3 March.

This year's attendance was over 300, making it one of the largest Medical Corps Balls in years. The guest speaker, General John M. Paxton, Jr, the 33rd Assistant Commandant of the United States Marine Corps, was the evening's guest speaker. Officers from other Corps, other military services, and their guests enjoyed the evening's festivities, which included a silent auction and dancing.

A special thanks to CDR John Bassett, MC, USN and the other members of the Medical Corps Ball Committee for making the evening a memorable one for all attendees and carrying on the tradition of celebrating the storied heritage of the Navy Medical Corps!

General Paxton receives a plaque from CDR John Bassett, MC, USN, Navy Medical Corps Ball Committee Chairman.

In keeping with Navy tradition, the youngest and "most experienced" Navy Medical Corps Officers in attendance join RDML Raquel Bono, MC, USN, Chief of the Medical Corps, for the cutting of the birthday cake.

3 March 2014

Dear Medical Corps Colleagues,

It is both my honor and pleasure, as your newly appointed Corps Chief, to extend my greetings and warmest wishes to you on the occasion of our 143rd birthday.

Since the Navy Medical Corps was founded by Congress on March 3rd, 1871, our predecessors and the almost 4,300 active and reserve members of today's Medical Corps have served our Navy and our Nation with honor and distinction. From the Spanish American War, through two World Wars, Korea, Vietnam, and our Nation's conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, our Shipmates and those who served before the formal establishment of the Medical Corps have cared for Sailors and Marines, and their families, on land as well as under, on, and above the sea.

The strength and diversity of our Corps is represented in so many ways – from a Navy pediatrician taking care of the child of a Sailor deployed in harm's way, a trauma surgeon stabilizing a fallen service member in Kandahar, a psychiatrist treating a Marine suffering the invisible wounds of war, a Navy researcher making great strides in malaria vaccine development, an ophthalmologist providing eyesight-saving care to the citizens of several nations during a Pacific Partnership cruise of the MERCY, to a faculty member training the next generation of our Corps at the Uniformed Services University. In all of these exploits, you exemplify a Sailor's commitment to representing the best things our country stands for, as well as the physician's timeless dedication to selfless service.

Happy Birthday! You continue a legacy of which all officers who wear the insignia of the Navy Medical Corps can be proud.

Sincerely,

R. C. BONO
Rear Admiral, Medical Corps
United States Navy
Chief of the Navy Medical Corps

Madigan Army Medical Center Clinical Informatics Fellowship Opportunity

As the integrated Electronic Health Record is being rolled out by the Defense Healthcare Management Systems Modernization office, MTFs will need strong clinical informatics leadership to be successful. It is anticipated that each MTF will need a CMIO and CNIO to work with the facility's Clinical Champion and CIO to support clinical excellence. As a result, there will be an ongoing demand for informaticists with formal training, such as a fellowship or advanced degree in clinical informatics.

CDR Chris Tatro, MC, USN, who is the first clinical informatics enrollee in the two year fellowship at Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC) in Tacoma, WA, reminds his colleagues that clinical informatics is a burgeoning field. "Health Informatics is a priority of our Navy Surgeon General, and the American Board of Medical Specialties recently added clinical informatics as a board certification," according to CDR Tatro.

The Navy clinical informatics fellowship is a two year, Other Federal Institution (OFI) program at MAMC. ***Those interested should contact their Specialty Leader and apply through the Navy Graduate Medical Education fellowship tract.*** Fellows have the opportunity to continue working clinically at the medical center. The majority of the fellow's time is split between practical work in informatics departments and obtaining a Master's Degree in Clinical Informatics. The practicums allow fellows to work alongside a variety of informatics staff on application development and clinical workflow projects. A choice of at least three different distance learning masters degree programs are available at the University of Washington and Oregon Health Sciences University. The programs vary their focus amongst the areas of public health, business administration and computer science.

Visit BUMEDNOTE 1524 http://www.med.navy.mil/directives/ENotes/NOTE%201524.pdf for the latest information on *Graduate Medical Education Selection Board (GMESB) Application and Guidance for GME and Non-Clinical Education.*

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CARIBBEAN SEA Doctors treat victims aboard the Military Sealift Command hospital ship USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) off the coast of Haiti. Comfort is conducting humanitarian and disaster relief operations as part of Operation Unified Response after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake caused severe damage in Haiti Jan. 12. The Comfort and the U.S. Navy are leading a multi-national effort to provide emergency medical assistance in Port au Prince, Haiti.
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